

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Interview Summary Record

Applicant's representative, Alok Goel, thank Examiner Gembeh and Supervisory Patent Examiner Marschel for clarification of the written description rejection in a telephonic interview on January 11, 2006.

II. Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 18-19, 21-27, 29-32 and 34-64 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 34-37 and 51-62 are allowed. Claims 4-12 and 21-25 are canceled without prejudice. Additionally, withdrawn claims 13, 18, 19, 26, 27, 29-32, 38-50, 63 and 64 are canceled in order to expedite prosecution.

III. The Invention

The present invention provides a method of modulating an Edg-1 receptor mediated biological activity in a cell by contacting a cell expressing the Edg-1 receptor with an amount of a non-phospholipid modulator of the Edg-1 receptor sufficient to modulate the Edg-1 receptor mediated biological activity.

IV. Responses to the Rejections

Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, "at least about" and "between about"

Claims 5-12 and 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner states that claims reciting the phrases "at least about" and "between about" are indefinite. Applicants traverse.

Without acknowledging the propriety of the indefiniteness rejection and for the purpose of expediting prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 5-12 and 21-23.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, written description

Claims 4-12 and 21-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph because the specification is allegedly not does not provide a description of the structure of a representative number of derivative compounds nor a description of the chemical and/or physical characteristics of a representative number of compounds nor a description of how to obtain a representative number of specific compounds. Applicants traverse.

Without acknowledging the propriety of the indefiniteness rejection and for the purpose of expediting prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 4-12 and 21-25.

Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-442-1000.

Respectfully submitted,



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